

# HOUSE . . . . No. 46

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Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Commissioner of Education (House, No. 42). Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

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AN ACT EXTENDING THE ADVANTAGES OF FREE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES TO MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS NOW IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES OR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section seven of chapter sixty-nine of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter four  
3 hundred and three of the acts of nineteen hundred  
4 and forty-three, is hereby further amended by striking  
5 out, in the seventeenth to the twentieth lines, inclu-  
6 sive, the words "veterans, as such term is defined  
7 in section twenty-one of chapter thirty-one, who  
8 come within the class referred to as disabled veterans  
9 in section twenty-three of said chapter thirty-one"  
10 and inserting in place thereof the words:— residents  
11 of the commonwealth who are members of the armed  
12 forces of the United States in World War II or who  
13 are veterans of said war and who have received a  
14 discharge or release, other than a dishonorable one,

15 from such service, — and by striking out, in the  
16 twenty-first line, the word “veterans” and inserting  
17 in place thereof the word:—persons,—so as to read  
18 as follows:— *Section 7.* The department may co-  
19 operate with existing institutions of learning in the  
20 establishment and conduct of university extension  
21 and correspondence courses; may supervise the  
22 administration of all such courses supported in whole  
23 or in part by the commonwealth; and also, where  
24 deemed advisable, may establish and conduct such  
25 courses for the benefit of residents of the common-  
26 wealth and, provided that the fees charged exceed  
27 the cost of service, may enroll in correspondence  
28 courses such non-residents as are approved by the  
29 department. The department may offer correspond-  
30 ence courses, free of charge, to inmates of county  
31 and state hospitals and sanatoria, municipal sanatoria  
32 and tuberculosis divisions and tuberculosis wards of  
33 municipal hospitals, county and state correctional  
34 institutions, the Tewksbury state hospital and in-  
35 firmary, and federal hospitals situated within the  
36 commonwealth, and to residents of the commonwealth  
37 who are members of the armed forces of the United  
38 States in World War II or who are veterans of said  
39 war and who have received a discharge or release,  
40 other than a dishonorable one, from such service, and  
41 may permit university extension courses to be taken,  
42 free of charge, by such persons, and also by blind  
43 persons who have resided in the commonwealth at  
44 least one year immediately prior to the taking of  
45 such courses. The department may also furnish  
46 correspondence courses, free of charge, to former  
47 inmates of any of said county or state hospitals or  
48 sanatoria, municipal sanatoria and tuberculosis divi-

49 sions and tuberculosis wards of municipal hospitals,  
50 for a period of one year immediately following their  
51 discharge therefrom; provided, that such courses  
52 shall be furnished only for the purpose of completing  
53 correspondence courses in which said former inmates  
54 had enrolled prior to their discharge. It may, in  
55 accordance with rules and regulations established by  
56 it, grant to students satisfactorily completing such  
57 courses suitable certificates.

